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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appl. of: SHINITZKY et al. : Examiner: P. Huynh
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For: **SKIN TEST FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 28, 2005, the period for responding being extended herewith to August 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10 through 13, and amend the remaining claims as follows.

Claims 1-5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A method for the preparation of a reagent for use in diagnosis of schizophrenia in an individual by detecting a DTH reaction in said individual following injection of said reagent to the individual, comprising

a) obtaining blood samples from a number of individuals, preparing a pool from said samples and collecting platelets therefrom;

b) preparing a protein fraction from said platelet preparation comprising proteins or fractions thereof, wherein the pI of said proteins or fractions thereof is ~~greater than or equal to~~ about 6.5 and about 9.5;

c) injecting the platelet preparation of step b) into a subject; and

d) detecting the occurrence of a DTH reaction at the site of injection, wherein if the DTH reaction at the site of injection is greater than that observed in a non-schizophrenic subject under similar conditions the reaction is considered positive, and it may be said that the subject has a high likelihood of being schizophrenic.